YEAR-END REVIEW

We are pleased to share highlights of the Potomac Highlands Cooperative Weed & Pest Management Area!

The Potomac Highlands Cooperative Weed and Pest Management Area (PHCWPMA) is a partnership between federal, state, and local agencies, community associations, non-profit organizations, and private land owners assembled to address the threat of invasive species.

The Potomac Highlands CWPMA includes Bath, Highland, Augusta, Rockingham, Page, and Shenandoah counties in Virginia as well as Grant, Hardy, Tucker Pendleton, Randolph, and Pocahontas counties in West Virginia. Member organizations perform invasive species treatments on both public and private lands, and on forests and agricultural areas. The PHCWPMA maps the spread of invasive species, promotes research on control methods, and raises public awareness of invasive species through environmental education and outreach programs.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 1.635 acres treated for non-native invasive species (NNIS).
- 493lbs of garlic mustard pulled by 132 volunteers at 4 locations for the 2018 Garlic Mustard Challenge.
- 824 acres and over 15 sites within the PHCWPMA were monitored for non-native invasive species.
- Over 800 participants in attendance at Discover Nature Day with 46 partners volunteering to provide nature and non-native invasive species education.
- The Facebook page for the group has 336 likes and has reached 1,234 people through posts.
- The PHCWPMA was joined by a sister organization this year, the Rivers and Gorges CWPMA, which covers 2.4 million acres around New River Gorge.